

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Referring to the drawing, there is shown one representative example of a roll structure employed in a conductive roll according to the present invention. In the drawing, the reference numeral 10 denotes a bar- or pipe-shaped electrically conductive center shaft (core metal) formed of metal such as a stainless metallic material, for example. As well known, on an outer circumferential surface of the center shaft 10, there is provided an electrically conductive elastic layer 12 constituted by a rubber elastic body or a foamed rubber body each having a relatively low hardness. Further, a resistance adjusting layer 14 and a protective layer 16 having respective suitable thickness values are formed radially outwardly of the conductive elastic layer 12 in the order of description.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] In the present conductive roll constructed as described above, the conductive elastic layer 12 is formed on the outer circumferential surface of the center shaft 10 by using any known electrically conductive rubber elastic materials, electrically conductive elastomer materials, or foamable materials thereof, i.e., conductive foamable rubber materials. Accordingly, the conductive elastic layer 12 permits the conductive roll to have a low degree of required hardness or a high degree of required flexibility. As the rubber elastic material, at least one of known rubber materials such as EPDM, SBR, NR and polynorbornane rubber may be used. The material for the conductive elastic layer 12 further includes [(a)]a conductive agent/agents such as carbon black, a metal powder, an electrically conductive metal oxide, and a quaternary ammonium salt, so that the required conductivity is given to the conductive elastic layer 12 and the volume resistivity of the conductive elastic layer 12 is adjusted to a desired level. Where the rubber elastic material is used for forming the conductive elastic layer 12, a large amount of a softening agent such as a

process oil or a liquid polymer is added to the rubber elastic material, so that the obtained conductive elastic layer 12 has a low degree of hardness or a high degree of flexibility. Where the conductive elastic layer 12 is formed of the conductive rubber elastic material, the conductive elastic layer 12 has a volume resistivity in a range from $1 \times 10^1 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ to $1 \times 10^4 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ and a thickness in a range from 1 mm to 10 mm, preferably in a range from 2 mm to 4 mm. Where the conductive elastic layer 12 is formed of the conductive foamable rubber material, the conductive elastic layer 12 has a volume resistivity in a range from $1 \times 10^3 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ to $1 \times 10^6 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$ and a thickness in a range from 2 mm to 10 mm, preferably in a range from 3 mm to 6 mm.